#### SAMPSON HOME FROM CUBA.

AVERAGE CUBANS NOT CAPABLE OF SELE-GOVERNMENT, HE SAYS.

shifty Spaniards Who Tried to Make Politeness Do for Integrity a Sore Trouble to the American Commissioners He Is for Keeping Everything That We Have Taken

The cruiser New York, with Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson aboard, arrived here yesterday morning. The Admiral, who returns after completing his duties as the President of the Execution Commission in Havana, was acemranied by his wife and by Lieut, C. C. Marsh, his secretary. The New York during her absence from this port doffed her war paint and she came up to her anchorage off Tompkinsville yesterday morning in a brand new coat of white, which was in strong conthe warlike color of the other warshirs. The New York 1eft Havana last Mon-

Soon after her arrival at the anchorage off Tompkinsville Admiral Sampson and his wife the ship and went at once to their home at Glen Ridge, N. J. The Admiral will remain at home over Christmas and will then go to Washington to submit his report on the work of the commission of which he was President We said that he and Mrs. Sampson were in excellent health and felt none the worse for their tay in Cuba. Asked about the conditions to Havann, he said:

There are a number of very grave questions that remain unsettled in Cuba, and until ther are settled affairs in Cuba cannot be said to be very satisfactory. The Custom House service and the policing of Havena when firmly established will tend to bring about a better condition of affairs, but it will be a long, long time before the deep-seated animosity existing between the Cuban and the Spanlard will disappear. There will be constant frietion, but I do not apprehend any further serious disturbances. The presence of the large force of Americans will result in bringing

force of Americans will result in bringing about a more peaceful condition of affairs than has hitherto existed.

"I want to say right here that the average Cuban is not cabable of self-government. There are lots of smart lawyers among the Cubans, but as a whole the people have no sonception of our form of government. They wealthy Cubans and Spaniards want annexation, but with those exceptions the Cubans want a taste of power. As I said before, they do not thoroughly understand the theory in our Government and for that reason, in my mind, it will be a long time before they can be expected to establish one on any such principles. I don't think our Government under any condition should allow them to assume control of the affairs of Cuba, unless the Government that they propose to establish is patterned after ours. It will be fifteen months at least before anything in this direction is done.

The proper policing of Havana is of the utmost importance. When I left tien, Greene and Capt, McCullagh had already begun to select men for the police force and were accepting cubans and Spaniards alike. The highest

most importance. When I left Gen. Greene and Capt. McCullagh had already begun to select men for the police force and were accepting Cubans and Spaniards alike. The higher officials of the force, I think, will have to be Americans. The new police will assume control of the city the moment the evacuation of the Spaniard troops is completed. The Cubans and Spaniards will prove amenable to the severeignty of this country, because they know they have got to. We are there and we intend to rule, and that's the end of it.

"While the custom house receipts have been greatly reduced, there is still so much fraud practiced by the Spaniards that the good results of the reduction in duties will not be evidenced until after Jan. I, on which day all custom houses mass into our hands.

"Improvement in the sanitary condition of Havana is proceeding slowly. The vellow feer has disappeared, but the small sum of money which Gen. Greene had at his disposal to clean the city has prevented any great reganization of sanitary matters and the city is still filthy.

"The work of the Evacuation Commission.

The work of the Evacuation Commission, on the whole, was satisfactory, except on one point. We had explicit instructions to obtain a complete inventory of the Government property in every province of the Island. When we asked for this we were told by the Spanish Commissioners that the list had been sent to the Spanish Peace Commission in Paris. We at once demanded a copy of this list, which could undoubtedly have easily been furnished to us. After waiting two weeks for this, the Spanish Commissioners refused to give it to us. action, as I believe, under instructions from Madred: This not only caused us trouble, but will be a constant source of annoyance for some time to come. There has been a lot of this property sold to private individuals and to religious corporations. Of course, these sales are not valid and in many cases I do not think any money was raid down, without the guarantee that the right of the purchasers should not be questioned. The Spanish's also claim that a lot of the Government buildings are simply leased, which we do not believe is the case. We have, however, kept a close watch of the records, and when the time comes to examine them it will be shown just where the Spaniards have been attempting fraid. We were particularly impressed with the politeness of the Spanish Commissioners, and in all the negotiations their courtery was marked. The trouble was that they were great for making promises and very slow in fulfilling them. For this reason we were continually remonstrating with them. The work of the Evacuation Commission,

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The condition of the reconcentradoa is still vert deplorable. It will be a year before the greater number of them will be able to take care of themselves. During the war many of them became separated in the cities and now find themselves without funds with which to return to their plantations. The season for planting has passed and even if that was not the case they lack implements with which to till the soil. I did not go outside of Havana during my stay in Cuba, but the cases in Havana that were brought to my notice and the reports from outside convinced me that something should be done at once in the way of relief for these people. Over a hundred appeals for assistance were brought to my notice in a day.

day.

"In regard to the policy of expansion, personally I am in favor of keeping everything we have taken. If it is found we are unable to govern our new possessions it will be very easy to dispose of them; but I should like to see this country at least try the experiment of governing alien races, and I for one believe that we shall succeed."

#### GRAND TRUNK TO ARBITRATE.

A Plan to Settle the Differences Between the Road and Its Telegraphers. MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The differences between the Grand Trunk management and the

telegraphers employed on the system, which reatened a general strike, will be submitted to arbitration. General Manager Hays wrote to Grand Chief Powell of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, to-day, offering to arbitrate the differences, and Mr. Powell, after a conference with Mr. Hays this evening, agreed to the proposal. The Grand Trunk will appoint one arbitrator, the telegraphers a second and the two will select a third. The arbitrators will meet in Toronto on Jan. d.

Taken Unconscious from the North River. The firemen on the fireboat Zophar Mills Were picking up driftwood with boat hooks in the North liver at the foot of Bloomfield stree last night when they heard a splash and fireman Bell and Engineer Dow-saw a man in the water. They him out, and as he was un-cus they sent him to Bt. Vincent's tal. He was about 45 years old, and had haif, intsel with gray. His clothing, el quality, consisted of a blue overcoat, suit and new derby hat. There was in it his pockets to give a clue to his

#### Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt to Give a Large Dance.

In previous announcements of the dance Mrs. nellus Vanderbilt intends to give on Jan. 6. It has been stated that it was to be a children's party in Lonor of her 12-year-old daughter thadys. This is an error, Instead of a children party, in all probability the dance will be the largest of the season. It will be given in the arge ballram. Worthington Whitehouse will sed the cottlion. All the favors for the genum come from abroad, and are said to be unusually least that and claborate.

#### tologist a Ph. D.

German University Makes the State Palson-ALLIANY, Dec. 23 -The University of Marburg known as one of the European centres of geological science, has departed from the ista enstom of German universities and, on recommendation of Prof. Kayser, has conterred the honorary degree of doctor of philosophy as which it Clarke, recently elected State Farenties at A etter from Prof. You Koener of Gostingen warmly indorses the special honor than one first work of the Prof. The Prof. You know that conterred, justifying his position by the budgeted work of Pr. Clarke, who was many year and one of his own students.

#### The Scorpion in a Stiff Gale.

The auxiliary cruiser Scorpion, which arrived the Tompkinsville anchorage from Port Royal on Thursday night, will be towed to the havy fard in Brooklyn to-day. She encoun-tered a severe storm off Cape Hatteras on Tesslay, shipped a good deal of water and her seam steering gear was deranged. She will be overhauled.

WAR REFERUE DECISION. Many Standard Medicines Relieved from

the Stamp Tax. WARRINGTON, Dec. 23.-An opinion rendered by Assistant Attorney-General Boyd and approved by the Attorney-General was sent to the Secretary of the Treasury to-day construing section 20 of the War Revenue act relative ing section 20 of the War Revenue act relative to taxes underschedule B, on medicinal articles and preparations. The ominion in substance holds that the subjects of taxation under the saiu section and schedule are confined to compounded patent, trademark and proprietary medicines, and to such compounded apecilies and medicinal remedies as are put up in makings rendy for uso by the consumer without the intervention of a physician or pharmacist. On the other hand, it is nelectial the law does not tax medicinal preparations which are uncompounded, or which, if compounded, are put up under medical or pharmacists in their trails. This decision has the effect of relieving from stamp tax many standard medicines, such as quilible, calomel, &c.

The opinion holds that no tax is imposed by the War Revenue act on any mecompounded medicinal drugs or chemicals, no matter how not the own with the charmacist decision and medicine and put up or what is claimed for it. According to the act the compounded medicinal articles subject to taxation are divided into two classes. First, articles compounded by any formula and put up similar to that of parent medicines, and, second, medicinal articles compounded and advertised as remedies or specifics. Under the latter classification articles subject to tax unust not only be compounded as femclies or specifics. The advertisement may be on the package or otherwise.

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The conclusion is reached that Congress intended to levy a tax, under the provisions of the law referred to, upon p oprietury medicinal articles or such as assume that character before the public, of such proprietary, patent or trademark articles and such medicinal articles as go from the hands of the compounder or manufacturer so put up in packages as to be identified with the style of patent, trademark or proprietary medicines in general, or any other medicinal articles, though not put up in the usual style of patent medicines, that are advertised on the package or otherwise as

other medicinal articles, though not put up in the usual style of patent medicines, that are advertised on the package or otherwise as specifies or remedies for certain ailments or laving claims to special merit.

It is held that the description in the law does not include articles with technical or pharmaceutical names given them merely for the purpose of classification. The following articles are cited as exempt from taxation: Antistreptoceocle serum, anti-tetanic serum, anti-diptheritic serum, the names of which are held to be simply medical or pharmaceutical designations and for which no exclusive proprietorship or right of manufacture is claimed and no rotail price or value stated.

Calomel is mentioned as a medicinal article compounded from a formula and sold in quantities to druggists and others, but it does not come under the provisions of the act when not put up in manner or style similar to that of patent medicine.

THE TAX ON EXPRESS COMPANIES. Commissioner Scott Informs Mr. Platt That

It Must Be Paid.

Washington, Dec. 23.-The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has directed Collector Treat of New York to inform Mr. Frank H. Platt. representing the United States Express Company, in an appeal from the decision of the Commissioner, that the rulings of the Commissioner are authoritative and cannot be overruled by any other executive officer, and that an appeal to the courts can only be made after taxes have been paid and application for re-funding rejected by the Commissioner. The letter was called forth by a communication by Mr. ter was called forth by a communication by Mr. Platt, saying that the United States Express Company does its business in the transfer of money by telegraph, and asking the liability to the stamp tax of such transactions. Mr. Platt said that Deputy Collector Wood had informed the company that these telegraphic orders were taxable at the rate of two cents per \$100 or fraction thereof. The internal revenue office holds that the transactions call for a two-cent revenue stamp on the money order and a one-cent on the telegraphic order of payment, Mr. Platt then said;

cent revenue stamp on the money order and a one-gent on the telegraphic order of payment, Mr. Platt then said:

"As this is a legal question, on which there is room for reasonable difference of opinion, and as we think that the decision of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is not in accordance with the law, may we suggest to you that the matter be immediately submitted to the United States Attorney-General, with a view to having the question submitted to the United States Court on an agreed statement of facts?"

The final reply of Commissioner Scott was: "Internal revenue taxes are not collected through the courts, and the decision of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue on the subject is authoritative. Courts can be appealed to after the Commissioner's decisions have been compiled with and not before.

The Commissioner adds that if the Internal Revenue officers find that the express company has been failing to comply with the law, steps must be taken to collect arrearages by process of law, if necessary.

#### SPECIAL TREASURY AGENTS.

The Work Performed by Them During the Past Fiscal Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The effectiveness of the work performed by the special agents o the Treasury Department during the last fiscal year is shown to advantage in the annual report of Walter S. Chance, the Supervising Special Agent. This report shows that, in addition to the pointing out of irregularities in the administration of the customs service the agents made recommendations which reduced the expense of maintaining the service by more than \$44,000, notwithstanding the increased expense made necessary by the development of commerce in the district of Alaska. In several instances the agents discovered that customs officers charged with the collection of

erai instances the agents discovered that customs officers charged with the collection of moneys had misappropriated funds of the Government. These discoveries resulted in the conviction and punishment of three dishonest customs officials and the recovery of a large part of the misappropriated funds.

A valuable feature of the work of the special agents during the last year was the constant attention given to the subject of undervaluation of imported merchandise. The force of special officers employed in Europe was reorganized and these officers made investigations and reports in regard to undervaluation. The result of the steps in this direction was the saving of large sums of money to the Government. The special agents performed the usual duties in connection with the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws and with the supervision of the seal islands of Alaska. Efforts to enforce the laws prohibiting the importation of inquor into Alaska were rendered so ineffective by the adverse public sentiment in the Territory that the Supervising Special Agent recommends the repeal of the law.

New Counterfeit \$1 Silver Certificates. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The Secret Service agents of the Treasury Department have discovered a new counterfeit \$1 silver certificate. This is the official description of the counterfeit, as given by Chief Wilkie of the Secret Service Bureau:

Beries of 1896, sheek letter C, plate number 34, B. K. Bruce, Register; Elils H. Roberts, Treasurer; small red seal, No. 41,222,303. This counterfeit is apparently printed from etched plates on heavy bond paper. attempt has been made to imitate the silk fibre. The Treasury number has been traced over with blue writing fluid and readily blurs when dampened, as does the red coloring applied to the seal. The note is badly printed, blotchy, with lak of poor quality, the face of the note being coal black instead of gray black, as in the genuine, and the back light-faded green. All of the fine lines are lost in the printing of the counterfeit. It is calculated to deceive only the most careless handlers of money."

Removing Government Statues from Statuary Hall.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The statues belong ing to the Federal Government in Statuary Hall are being removed to make room for statues to be provided by the States, in accordance with the terms of the law setting it apart for that purpose. The General Government has five purpose. The General Government has five statues, which will be removed and set up in the great rotunds of the building. They are those of Washington, Jefferson and Hamitton of the Bevolutionary period and of Lincoln and Col. E. D. Baker. a Senator from Oregon, who was killed at the batfle of Bail's Binfl, of the period of the civil war. One of these, the figure of Jefferson by D'Anglers, is an artistic production worthy of a place and preservation. The others are medicers, and will not tend to dignify nor adorn the magnificent apartment where they are to stand. The statue of Hamilton was put in its new position to-day.

Minority Report on the Hull Army Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.- The views of the minority of the House Committee on Military Affairs upon the bill to reorganize the army were filed with the Clerk of the House to-day by Mr. Hay of Virginia. The bill is opposed for the reason set forth in the report that the country is opposed to a large standing army and that the expense of the military establishment under the Hull bill, including the annual payment of pensions, would be \$285,000,000. The minority propose as a substitute a bill providing for a permanent army of \$2,000 men. OUR GREAT PROSPERITY DESPITE THE WAR, THIS YEAR

BREAKS ALL RECORDS. Its Closing Month Affords Some Figures That Show the Marvellous Strides the

Country Has Made in Every Branch of Industrial and Commercial Activity. The condition of trade in the United States for the year that is closing is without a parallel in the history of the country. At the close of 1892 business men looked back upon a year whose prosperity had been greater than the country had ever known, but it is now declared that 1838 surpasses 1892 as greatly as the latter surpassed its predecessors. farring to this Dun's Review for December has the following:

"It is a year beyond parallel and goes to ita close with the biggest volume of business ever Enormous fransactions at the Stock Exchange make some difference and heavy railroad earnings, but when all the transporting and speculative interests are eliminated there is still a much larger business than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country. but this year the three weeks' report shows in Imports, which would indicate much more than \$70,000,000 excess of exports this month. The payments through clearing houses have been for the week 26.5 per cent. greater than last year and 12.4 per cent. greater than in 1892 and for the month 17.8 per cent. larger

Beadstreet's says: "Probably never before at this date was the course of general business so animated as it is at present. Speculative activity is no longer confined to the stock market, but has widened to include wheat and corn among the cereals and copper among the metals, while the rush of business in iron and steel seems little, if any, abated, and some lines. metals, while the rush of business in iron and sleel seems little, if any, alasted, and some lines, notably cotton goods and raw wool, are displaying an activity and strength which would have been welcomed at any time for a year past. Prices of securities and of staples alike farnish examples of aggressive strength."

So far as stocks are concerned, it is stated that the average of railway stocks has risen from \$45.51 a share to \$91.10, while the average of trusts has risen from \$41.0 \$72.70. In many lines the country's production of manufactured products has been heavily sold ahead and there appears every reason to believe that present values will be maintained or increased. Broosine's says that the bank clearings for the week aggregate \$1.073,000,000, a gain of 25 per cent, over 1835, of 45 per cent, over 1835, very nearly twice as large as in 1834 and 1835 and 10 per cent, larger than in this week of 1842, which up to this year was the heaviest week on record.

Dun's Review makes 'his observation in closing its raview for December and for the year: "How Europe will be able to pay more than \$75,000,000 due on merchandiss account for the month of December, besides the enormous balances due for November and previous months, is a question which the country can afford to consider at its leisure and with comfort."

PROSPERITY IN ARGENTINA.

Revenues Increasing-The Wheat Crop Promises to Be Larger Than Ever. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-Dr. Martin Garcia Merou, the Argentine Minister to the United

States, said to-day: "I am constantly in receipt of the most flattering reports of the prosperity of my country. The inauguration of the new chief executive. Gen. Roca, has marked an era of great prosperity for the country. Nothing like it has ever been known in the history of the Argentine Republic. All of the heretofore existing difficulties have been overcome by the wealth of experience and resources which have been prought to the Government through the inbrought to the Government through the incumbency of Gen. Hoes. He struck the keynote of prosperity for Argentine when he said in his opening message to the Congress that financial regeneration lay in a retrenehment of public expenditures. Reckless expenditures have almost alone been the cause of financial depression in Argentine heretofore but this has now been overcome. The premium on gold has gradually gone down through the financial legislation which has just been enacted, and public expenditures have been curtailed according to the means to meet them. In addition, during the past two weeks with the grip and on Thursday night. He had been ill for the past two weeks with the grip and on Tuesday became delirious. During the temporal state of the insent of the past two weeks with the grip and on Thursday night he arose from his bed, took a pistol from a bureau drawer and shot himself. Mr. Koch did not recover consciousness after the shooting and died last night, when Dr. Fery, who attended him, reported the case to the Coroner's office.

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NEW HAVEN. Conn., Dec. 23.—Physicians here say that the present grip epidemic is the worst they ever experienced. Half of the doctors of the city have been attacked by it. The scarcity of the distribution of cereals is greatly augmented. cumbency of Gen. Roca. He struck the keychinery, especially from the United States, the production of cereals is greatly augmented. Herein lies the cause for a large extent of the prosperity of the country.

"Arkentine has the finest navy of any of the American countries and is steadily increasing its efficiency. We have 7,000 men engaged in the naval service, more than 5,000 of whom are in active service. The Government is now arranging plans to sell its railroads to private corporations, which will relieve the country of a large bonded indebtedness and be productive of good results."

DROVE HIS FAMILY FROM HOME. Salicowich Was Frightened Into Insanity

in Boston and Became Violent. Morris Salicowich, 16 years old, of 89 Madison street, was removed to Bellevue Hospital last night from his home. He was frightened into insanity while living in Boston some time ago. He became violent last night and drove his parents and sisters out of their rooms. Salicowich speaks little English. When his parents wich speaks little English. When his parents lived in Boston shortly after he came to America, he wandered away from home to see the sights. After a while he realized that he was lost. It got dark and he waited on a corner, standing in one place till daylight. A policeman came along and asked him what was the matter. The boy could not reply. He was taken to a station house, where he was questioned through an boy could not reply. He was taken to a station house, where he was questioned through an interpreter. Nothing could be learned from him. His parents sent out an alarm for him, and in this way he was identified.

He succeeded in telling his mother that he had been lost and had waited for help all night. He broke down, and ever since then he has been slightly demented. Last night he asked his mother for some sugar. She would not give it to him and he picked up a club and set out to empty the house. He drove everybody from the room. Boundsman Fenally of the Madison street station succeeded in coaxing him to the station house by a promise of abundance of sugar, and from there he was sent to the bospital.

American Board's Annual Report.

BOSTON, Dec. 23 .- The American Board of Foreign Missions gave out its annual report to-day. Its donations for the year were \$252,to-day. Its donations for the year were \$252,-488; legacies, \$187,729; donations for school fund, \$7,312; donations for Micronesian navy, \$2,976; donations for young missionaries fund, \$3,017; donations for debt of September 1, 1897, \$25,302; donations for mission work for women, \$180,000; income of funds, \$8,203; total, \$971,717. The work of the board in Hawali, eastern Turkey, India and Japan is reviewed in the report with satisfaction as to results.

A Guardian for the Late Alderman Scott's Children.

Surrogate Abbott of Brooklyn yesterday appointed Mary E. Scott administratrix of the estate of her husband, the late Alderman Edward S. Scott, and Neilie C. Scott, a sister of the decesaed, was appointed guardian of the estate of his children by his first wife. John, 6 years old, and Daniel, 12 years old. The mother of the children died three years ago. Alder-man Scott was married to his second wife in November, 1897. The estate is estimated at \$75,000.

Exchanges Closed To-Day: Banks Open. All the Wall street exchanges will be close to-day, but the banks, the Sub-Treasury and to-day, but the banks, the Sub-Freasury and other linancial Institutions will be open as usual. Business was so active on the exchanges yestorday that it gave little opportunity to the more postal members to indulge in the usual ante-Christmas high jinks on the floor. On the Produce Exclasinge, in the late afternoon after business was over, a football was brought in, and an impromptu game was participated in by most of the members.

Side of a Trolley ( ar Smashed in Collision. A car of the Crosstown line going to Green. point last night crashed into a Bushwick avenue car at Driggs avenue and South Fourth street, Williamsburg. Both cars were filled with cassengers. One side of the Bushwick, avenue car was stove, all the windows wore broken, and the nutur was destroyed. A woman, who refused to tell her name, fell and bruised her face. Travel was delayed for nearly balf an hour. DR. ABBOTT ON EXPANSION.

Surprised That Any American Should Express Fears of Imperialism.

POUGHEEPSIE, Dec. 23.-At the New Engand Society banquet at the Nelson House last night the Rev. Lyman Abbott of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, spoke positively of the duty of this Government in respect of the expansion of territory contemplated as the result of the war between the United States and Spain.

I believe," said Dr. Abbott, "that the war just ended is the inevitable outcome of the aneighteen conturies in the world; the conflict between the notion of government embodied in the public school and the government emhodied in the inquisition. I thank God that the dominion of the government in which was embodied the principle of taxing the people for the Government alone, and which stands for the inquisition, is dead on this continent." Coming to the question of the Philippines Dr.

Abbott said that he would not say whether Dewey's success was an accident or an act of Providence. "But." he said, "now that we have destroyed Spain's power in the Philip-Providence. "But," he said, "now that we have destroyed Spain's power in the Philippines, it is our duty to put a Government in its piace which shall be better than the one we destroyed. I find no imperialists anywhere: I find expansionists. I do not believe that our country will ever become an oppressor. We shall not exploit our possessions except for their own good. We have hardly put Gen. Wood in Santiagolthan we flud him instituting a public school system. We have not as yet got possession of Havana, but we sent Col. Waring there to clean the streets, which never were cleaned before, to the end that at last the city may be cleaned and no longer be a cradic of yellow fever."

Dr. Abbott said that he favored establishing law and order in Cuba and the Philippines. That done we are bound to see that freedom goes along with law and order: that there shall be no form of ecclesiastical control. We first must establish liberty, elevate the people in those islands, give them all that goes to make men and women, then universal suffrage. In believe in manhood suffrage, but we first must have the manhood and then the suffrage. In the South we tried the other way—first the suffrage, then tried to make the man afterward. We have had a hard time of it.

In concluding Dr. Abbott referred to the fact that America has taken territory and developed it. He cited what America had one for the negro race, and declared that whatever a nation can do it ought to do. He expression to fears of imperialism. Our problem is to give to Cuba, Porto Rico, and our other possessions the same blessings of government which we have given to ourselves. We cannot wash our hands and leave our brothers to be crucified by others, but we must save them, redeem them. Dr. Abbott made an eloquent plea for expansion and declared that America cannot turn back from her duty now at thand. His remarks were frequently applauded.

SUICIDES FROM GRIP.

A Sufferer in Pittsburg and One in Baltimore Kill Themselves.

PITTEBURO, Pa., Dec. 23.-Charles Hardwick. 48 years old, a grip victim, committed suicide at his home, 5222 Butler street, to-day by shooting himself. The disease is spreading. and even now prevails to such an extent that it and even now prevails to such an extent that it interferes with business, especially in the big department stores.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—Driven to desperation by an acute attack of grip, William Reninger committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been ill for two weeks. His illness started with a heavy cold, which developed into grip. For several nights his brothers had been sitting up with him. They were with him last night as usual and occupied a small room adjoining his bedroom. This morning the two watchers were startled to see him walk into the little room, carrying a bloody razor in one hand. His throat was cut, and he lived only fifteen minutes.

HENRY KOCH KILLS HIMSELF. Ill with the Grip, He Became Delirious and

Shot Himself. Henry Koch, a well-to-do retired showcase

city have been attacked by it. The scarcity o medical help has compelled the professors of medical help has compelled the professors of the Yale Medical School to give up their recita-tions and lend their aid to relieving the grip sufferers. All the members of the senior class in the medical school have been pressed into service as assistants. Two thousand new cases have been reported the past three days, and it is estimated that there have been 10,000 cases of the disease the past week. Several deaths from it have been reported. Frank J. Hennig, Charles P. Price, Patrick O'Rourke and Charles Kimberly are the latest victims.

Grip Epidemic in Central Kentucky. FRANEFORT, Ky., Dec. 23 - An unprecedented epidemic of grip is prevailing in central Kentucky. The public schools have been retarded, and in some cases fully one-fifth of the pupils have been kept from school with the disease. The disease has been pronounced contagious by physical and the public school with the disease has been pronounced contagious by physical and the public school with the disease.

by physicians. Few New Cases of Grip at the Hospitals. There were but few new cases of grip admitted at the hospitals yesterday. At Fordham Hospital there were two. Hariem six, and Bellevue two. The other hospitals reported no increase in their list.

Escaped from the Government Insane Asy-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-Joseph D. Pearson. who demolished the windows of the British embassy several days ago by hurling bricks embassy several days ago by hurling bricks through them, to-day escaped from the Government Insane Asylum, to which institution he had been committed after he had been declared insane by a jury. Up to a late hour the efforts of the police and asylum attendants to discover his whereabouts and return him to the institution have been unsuccessful. This morning while walking in the grounds of the asylum, accompanied by a private attendant, Pearson made a bold dash for liberty, without giving the slightest warning of his intention. Out-sprinting the guard he made good his escape. He was last seen climbing over the wall separating the grounds from the road that leads to the city.

The Capt. Carter Court-Martial Papers Referred to the Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The papers in the ourt-martial of Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, United States Engineer Corps, have been referred to the Attorney-General by the President for final revision. The Attorney-General will render an opinion as to the regularity of the introduction of private papers of the accused officer at the trial.



The careworn multitude of buyers, crowding with weary eyes past their equally weary neighbors, may be glad to have pointed out three stores filled with everything man or boy wears - with what men and boys want.

ROGERS, PEET & Co. Leonard and Broadway. Primes and Broadway. Thirty-second and Broadway.

ONE KILLED IN THE FOG. STRAMSHIPS IDAHO AND FLOWERGATE

CRASH OFF LIBERTY. Broken Steel Plate Nearly Decapitates a Fireman, Who, with a Shipmate, Who Was Badly Burt, Was Asleep in His Berth-Both Ships Damaged About the Bows,

A collision occurred in the upper bay off fore the for had lifted, between the steamships Idaho and Flowergate, in which one man was killed, another seriously injured, and both vessels damaged. The Idaho, a Wilson liner, carrying about a dozen passengers and a general cargo, arrived from Hull on Thursday and on account of the fog anchored in the bay. At 6:30 A. M. resterday she weighed anchor and prepared to start for her pier at Wilson's Stores, foot of Montague street, Brooklyn. The tramp Flowergate loomed through the fog and struck the Idaho on the starboard bow, crushing a five-foot hole in her plates twelve feet above the water line and a few feet abaft of the

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In the forecastle, just at the point where the Plowergate's prow beneficial, two men were asieve in their bunks. They were William Smith, a fireman, 22 years old, and John Birch, a seaman, 22 years old. The edge of a plate struck Smith, crashing his skull and nearly severing his head.

Birch was knocked from his bunk and his collarbone was broken. He was also injured internally. He was taken to St. Peter's Hospital. He may not recover.

The Plowergate, which had been going at half speed, was more seriously damaged than the Idaho, having her stem stove above the water line. She left the dock at the foot of York street, Jersey City, yesterday morning, clearing in bullast for Philadelphia, where she will take on a cargo of grain for a British rort. Capt. Barnard, her commander, said that he had no idea he was near another vessel when the Idaho appeared neroes his bow. It was clear when the Flowergate sailed, the Captain said, but on the way down the bay she ran into a fog bank.

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After the collision the Flowergate steamed to the Erie Basin for repairs and the idaho docked at her usual pier where the body of Smith was removed to the Brooklyn Morgue.

Mr. Spence of Simpson, Spence & Young. Smith was removed to the Brooklyn Morgue, Mr. Spence of Simpson, Spence & Young, owners of the Flowergate, said that, so far as he would learn, the collision was due to needent. He said: "Her bow above the water line is broken away about twenty feet. It will take some time to repair her.

At the office of Sanderson & Son, agents for the Wilson line, it was said that the damage to the Idaho could be repaired in a short time.

Big Fog-Bound Fleet Reaches Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.-At 9 o'clock this morning the fog lifted from the Delaware for the first time in three days. Twenty-seven steamers and thirty-six sailing vessels at once proceeded up the river, breaking the record of arrivals in this port for any twenty-four hours.

PERCY M. JAFFRAY'S DEATH.

Cause Was Acute Septicemia and Football Had Nothing to Do with It.

W. P. Burden, sen of James A. Burden of 908 Fifth avenue and a roommate in Harvard University of Percy M. Jaffray, the football player who died on Thursday, made a statement vosterday at the request of the dead boy's parents concerning the cause of death. He said that Mr. and Mrs. Jaffray had read with great regret the intimation that injuries received in a football game had led to his demise. They did not believe this, as they knew their son had entirely recovered from the innury to his ankle received in the Yale-Harvard game.

The body of young Jaffray was brought to New York vestorday afterneon on the way to his home in Irvington-on-the-Hudson. Jaffray's father and brother arrived in Cambridge last night and accompanied the body home. A despatch from Cambridge says that no satisfactory cause has yet been found by the doutors to account for the acute septicamia of which the boy died. It is at least clear from their report that it could not possibly have resulted from any injuries received in football.

Magowans Not Culpable in Ohio. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.-The Common Plea Court of Ohio has set ex-Mayor Magowan, Mrs Barnes-Magowan, and Beryl Barnes free so far as any indictment against the parents is concerned. Judge Dissette to-day sustained the demurser to the plaintiffs' perition declaring that the indictment under which Mr. and Mrs. Magowan were held here did not constitute a cause of action under the laws of Ohio.

Ellis Gray, late Lieutenant and Sergeant-Major of the First Louisiana Volunteers, died on Thursday at Shrevebort, La. He was a native of Georgia, and went to Mource, La., from Atlanta two years ago. At the outbreak of the late war with Spain he was city editor of the Monroe Star. He joined the volunteers as a Sergeant, and was subsequently promoted to be Sergeant-Major and Leutenant. He acted as correspondent for the New Orleans States and other papers while in the army. When the First Louisiana Regiment was unistered out Gray moved to Shraveport, where he became the city editor of the Times, which place he held at the time of his death. He died of majorial at the time of his death. He died of malarial fever.

Henry Pone died suddenly on Thursday night at his home, 206 St. James's place. Brooklyn, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. He had served for thirty years as Secretary of the Kings County Insurance Company, and during that period he wrote considerably on scientific subjects. He leaves four children.

Edward F. Lawrence, one of the directors of the First National Bank of Chicago, died there yesterday after a brief fillness. He was one of thicago's best known financial attorneys, and for years had been the counsel for the First National Bank.

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Lieut, Kinne Disobeyed Orders and Resigned -Can't Get Back as a Private. Frank A. Kinne, formerly a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, visited the pavy yard in Brooklyn yesterday to ascertain if his application for re-enlistment as a private in the corps had been acted upon. He learned from Col. Huntington that the application had been rejected. At the beginning of hostilities with Spain, Kinne was a Sergeant of marines, attached to the First Battallon, which was sent

to Santiago under Col. Huntington. proved to be valuable, as he understood the Spanish language, and was subsequently trans-Spanish language, and was subsequently transforred to Rear Admiral Sampson's flagship, the New York. He was sent inland on several occasions to obtain important news, and after the destruction of Cervera's fleet he was considered to the constitution of the constitution of the constitution of the constitution of the said of the constitution of t ferred to Rear Admiral Sampson's flagship.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF THIS COUNTY Van Wyck's Plurality Here 80.670 Soldier

Vote, Roosevelt, 655; Van Wyck, 1,253. The Board of County Canvassers met yesterday in the Aldermen's chamber of the City Hall, but as the tabulators employed by the County Clerk had not finished their work the vote of Manhattan and the Bronx at the last general election was not declared.

The board adjourned until Tuesday. These official figures of the vote were made public:

For Governor. Roosevelt. Rep., 112,800; Van Wyck, Dem., 173,476; Hanford, Sec., 10,001; Kline, Pro., 485; Bacon, Cli., 705; blank, 2,652; void, 1,800; protected, but counted 75td, K. 2,652; void, 1,800; protected, but counted 75td, K. 2,652; void, 1,800; protected, but counted 75td, K. 200; Van Sec. male it 40,100 on the morning after election, with several districts missing and the next day correct dittoeoutle. The Associated Frees papers had it trom 5,000 to 8,000 ontol the way on the day after election.

\*\*End Leutennal Contract.\*\*—Woodriff, Rep., 109,858; Danforth, Dem., 174,8316; Armstrong, Soc., 10,853; Noide, Pro., 582; Oaborne, Cli., 1,521; blank, 3,360; Noid, 1,804; protested, 764. Total vote, 802,886. Danforth's plurality, 04,400.

\*\*For New Forlary of Note.\*\*—McDonough, Rep., 110,123; Batten, Dem., 774,001; Jackson, Soc., 10,883; Wilson, Flor. Gov. Wilson, Cli., 1,057; Pred Skeel, 1; blank, 3,520. Total vote, 300,053; Battena plurality, 61,338.

\*\*For Complete or Morgan, Rep., 109,395; Atwater, Dem., 174,771; Perkor, Soc., 10,660; Mills, Pro., 618; Kinney, Cl. 1,024; blank, 3,552, Total vote, 296,861. National Science of the Scie Hall, but as the tabulators employed by the County Clerk had not finished their work the

The total of the soldier vote cast for Governor was 1,00%, of which Van Wyck received 1,25% and Roosevelt 655.

SOLDIER VOTE IN QUEENS. Roosevelt 24, Van Wyck 47-Total Vote of

JAMAICA, L. I., Dec. 23 .- The Board of Supervisors has finished the work of canvassing the oldier vote of Queens county. The canvass shows that of the 81 votes east, by Queens bor ough soldiers and sailors, Roosevelt received 24 and Van Wyck 47. There were 10 scatter-24 and van wyck 44. There were 10 scattering votes. Six soldier votes were cast for Nassau county. Townsend Scudder, Democratic Congressman-elect, received 22 soldier votes in Queens and Nassau counties against 10 cast for Joseph M. Belford, Republican, For State Senator, Charles Twombly, Republican, received 12 additional votes in Queens and Nassau counties, and James Norton, Democrat, who was elected, received 20 votes in the two counties. counties.

The total vote for Governor in the borough of Queens was: Roosevelt 9,715, and Van Wyck 13,949.

BROOKLYN SOLDIERS' VOTE. Roosevelt, 324; Van Wyck, 323; Kline, 1.

and 17 Defective. Of the 665 votes east by Brooklyn soldiers at he front, Roosevelt received 324; Van Wyck 323; Kline (Prohibitionist), 1, and 17 were thrown out as defective. For Lieutenant-Governor. Woodruff got 317 and Danforth, 322. Included in the defective ballots were some made out in this offhand way without inserting the names of the candidates: "I vote the straight Republican (or Democratic) ticket."

WIDOW ATTEMPTS SUICIDE Found Unconscious by Her Daughter-She

Doesn't Know Why She Did It. Mrs. Elizabeth Houge, a widow, 50 years old, of it! East 116th street, attempted to kill herself last night by cutting at her throat and slashing both of her wrists with a sharp kitchen knife. Mrs. Houge's two daughters work in one of the big department stores. When Elizabeth, the elder, reached home last night at 7 o'clock she could not find her mother until she looked in the bathroom. There mother until she looked in the bathroom. There ahe saw her, wearing only underclothing, lying unconscious in the bathrub. Neighbors sent on ambulance call to the Harlem Hospital and Mrs. Houge was taken there. The physicians say that she has a chance of recovering.

"I don't know why I did it." Mrs. Houge said when she recovered consciousness. The daughters said that she had been ill for a month and they thought she must have been delirious when she attempted to kill herself.

WANTED HER ASHES DESTROYED. Last Request of Mrs. Elizabeth Lenz, Who Killed Herself.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lenz, 48 years old, committed suicide on Thursday night at her home, 43 Barbey street, Brooklyn, by taking carbolic acid. She and her husband, Affred J. Lenz lived, apparently happy, in their little cottage, since the husband retired from the delicates since the husband retired from the delicates-sen bus hose saveral years ago. Mr. Lenz went to Manhattan on Thursday to collect rents and did not return until near midnight. He found the lamp burning in the hailway and a nice supper laid out for him in the dining room. It was not until he had got through with the sup-per that he found his wife dead in ted. He also found this note, written by the suicide: "I the by my own hand. May God forgive me as I forgive others. I wish to be cremated, and I want my ushes destroyed, so there will be none left," The couple had no children.

British Army Officer Attempts Suicide? NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23 .- Examination of the effects of the stranger who attempted suicide by shooting himself through the head at the Hotel Gladstone here to-day leads to the belief that he is or has been a Captain in the British Army. He registered as C. C. Nelson, Ealthmore, but subsequently said that his real name was F. Cotton. He deposited \$100 with the hotel clerk, requesting that it be sent in the latter name to the Hotel Grafton in Washington in payment of his bill there. The surgeous are confident, they say to-night, that the wounded man will recover.

Killed Herself in the Presence of Her Children.

Mrs. Laun Schleicher, wife of Jacob Schleicher, a interer, of 17 Hopkins street, Williams. burg, committed smode last night by swallow-ing arrivate and in the presence of her three charges. She often told the neighbors sine would kill lies affon account of frequent quar-ries with her lossound.

Alfred Zabriskie Dies of His Self-Inflicted Mounds.

Pour Washington, L. L. Dec. 23,--Alfred Zatriskie, who shot himself at his brother's home at Sands Point on Wednesday, died there toway. Ill health had made him despondent. He was 45 years old and ammerical.

Bishop Mullen Dying. Eure, Pa., Dec. 23.-Bishop Muilen of this

Cathode diocese, who is nearly 80 years old. is dying. The last solemn rites of the Church have been administered by Bishop Coadlator FitzMaurice. The attending physicians have given up all hope of prolonging its life. He was stricken with paralysis last spring.

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